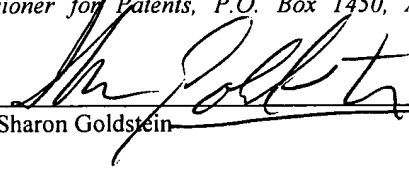




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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant : Lutz Biedermann, et al. Confirmation No. 4926
Application No. : 10/660,453
Filed : September 11, 2003
Title : SPACE KEEPER FOR VERTEBRAE OR INTERVERTEBRAL DISKS

Grp./Div. : 3738
Examiner : David H. Willse

Docket No. : 58780/B884

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Pasadena, CA 91109-7068
November 21, 2006

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated September 21, 2006 for one month(s) from October 21, 2006 to November 21, 2006.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$120
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 225	\$ 450	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 510	\$ 1020	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 795	\$1590	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1080	\$2160	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 120 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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